

Redevelopment & Housing Authority

<u>August 2022</u> Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter

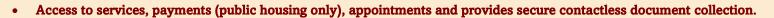
Changing Housing, Changing Minds, Changing Lives

The HCV Department would like to invite all families to sign up for the online portal by visiting www.suffolkrha.org/pay-online. Once you get to the page you can register for an account. This will give you safe and contactless means to communicate with your caseworker.

In addition to the portal we have partnered with Suffolk Public Library to provide services to our clients. To streamline the annual and interim reexamination process we have a kiosk available to all soon at the library. The kiosk is located at the library on Main Street in Suffolk. Soon we will announce when it can be used; however you can use the portal option now.

The kiosk will be a one stop self service kiosk. The partnership with the library will afford many program participants flexibility as their hours of operation are longer than SRHA's. There are many other benefits as well. Please see below:

- Complete online annual and interim reexaminations.
- Minimize the handling of paperwork as you will have a direct link to your Eligibility Specialist.
- Reduces the need for face-to-face interaction
- Promotes social distancing.



More information will follow next month on the kiosk and how soon you can begin to use it at the library located at Morgan Memorial Library located at 443 W. Washington Street, Suffolk VA 23434.

We are excited hope you are too!

ATENTION ALL RESIDENTS December 2002 December 2002 Decembe	530 E. Pinner Street on August 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. uccessful event again this year. haff, City Officials, Police Officers, and Fire & Rescue. h Board" with fighting against crime in our communities.
Changing Housing, Changing Minds, Changing Lives SuffolkRHA.org 530 East Pinner St. Suffolk, VA 23434	COME JOIN THE FUNI THE FOODI THE GAMESI THE MUSICI THE ENTERTAINMENTI THE DANCINGI THE FELLOWSHIPI AND LOTS MOREI IAND LOTS MOREI





FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY—FSS PROGRAM

Family Self-Sufficiency is a program which offers housing assistance as part of a coordinated linkage to other programs and services to include child care, transportation, personal and career counseling, adult basic or college education, job training and job placement assistance.

The goal of the FSS Program is to assist highly motivated persons to become economically self-sufficient (i.e., self -supporting by obtaining employment and/or education without receiving city, state and federal assistance).



Any SRHA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) client and/or Public Housing residents. The FSS Program Staff will help you access your needs and direct you to those resources that will enable you to move forward in becoming self-sufficient.

To find out more on how to become successful and establish an escrow account please reach out to our FSS Coordinator Dinah Lewis at 757-925-6550 or email dlewis@suffolkrha.org to find out more about the program and sign up. There will also

be zoom informational meeting about the FSS Program on August 16, 2022 at 4 pm. The information for the Zoom for as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89941312013?pwd=M01Uenpa0UVJUmlYNINXcDZIZC91dz09

MEETING ID: 899 4131 2013

PASSCODE: FSS2022!



Suffolk Public Schools Summer Food Service Program

Suffolk Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability or age, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows:



• **Hillpoint Elementary School,** 1101 Hillpoint Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434, Monday-Thursday (July 5-August 4, 2022)Breakfast 7-9/Lunch 11-12:30

• John Yeates Middle School, 4901 Bennetts Pasture Rd, Suffolk, VA 23435. Monday-Thursday (July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast 7-9/Lunch 11-12:30

• Nansemond River High School, 3301 Nansemond Pkwy, Suffolk, VA 23434, Monday-Thursday (July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast 7-9/Lunch 11-12:30

• Kings Fork Middle School, 350 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434, Monday-Thursday (June 22, 2022 (3:00-6:00p.m.) July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast/Lunch 10-12

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a \$14.2 billion program that supports eligible low- income households struggling to afford monthly internet service. This critical program ensures that households have the connections they need for work, school, healthcare, and more. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who Is Eligible to Receive ACP Support? A household is eligible if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program in the current or immediately preceding school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or

How Does an Eligible Household Enroll in the Program? There are two steps to enrolling in the ACP:

Complete and submit an online or mail-in application available at ACPBenefit.org.

2. Contact a participating provider to select an internet plan and have the ACP discount applied

For more information contact Call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575.



Events for the month of August:

August 12, 2022 Friday : Art in the Park [IN-PERSON] August 12th

at Bennett's Creek Park– Join the Suffolk Public Library outside at the park to have fun with activities and a story for the whole family! This week, young artists, prime your palettes and prepare your paint-



brushes! We will be learning about the color wheel through activities and making our own artistic creations to take home. Activities are geared toward ages 3 to 10 years old and with caregiver involvement for those younger. Additionally, library materials for checkout and creation of library cards will be available.

August 16, 2022 Tuesday : Get Creative @ Home: Mosaic [VIRTUAL + KIT] - Can't make it to Get Creative at the Library? Sign up for the virtual class and create art at home! The activity will be the same as the monthly, in-person Get Creative but presented as a pre-recorded instructional video you can watch at your convenience. The video will air on Suffolk Public Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Registration required. For adults.

August 19, 2022 Friday : Lunch & More @ Summer Mess Hall—Visitors under 18 are invited to explore, create and play daily activities and games while also enjoying a complimentary lunch at our Morgan Memorial Library. Lunch will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Meeting Room (Morgan Memorial) Site: Morgan Memorial Library

August 25, 2022 Thursday at 7pm Sip and Spell: Adult Spelling Bee : Join the Suffolk Public Library and Nansemond Brewing Station for a fun-filled adult spelling bee. There will be something for everyone to enjoy from learning new words to enjoying some spelling flubs with friends. For adults 21+. Location: Nansemond Brewing Station: 212 E Washington St. Suffolk

TGIF Summer Concert Series - 2022—Enjoy live music on Friday's in Suffolk at two of our parks this summer! All concerts are free and open to the public. Each event is 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Beer and wine are available for purchase for those 21 and older.

Bennett's Creek Park:

August 5 The Deloreans

August 12 WOAH

August 19 Rocky 7



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